



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

January 8 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

January 17 – 7:00 PM EDC, 3316 Faith Church Rd

January 22 – 7:00 PM Special Meeting on Stormwater

January 28 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FREE TAX SEMINAR

JANUARY 7, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER, HOSTED BY ANGELA WILLIAMS

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY (MEMBER NAIC)

JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER AVENUE

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSN MEETING

JANUARY 21, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

JANUARY 21, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

WASTE COLLECTION NEWS

Thursday pickup is moved to Friday during both Christmas and New Year week. Landfills are closed on the holiday so Action vehicles must wait a day. Only rolling carts and recycle bins are picked up during holiday weeks, no side items.

REDUCE, RENEW, REUSE and RECYCLE.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Action will start real tree pick up Thursday January 10.

Upcoming Council Meetings

January Council Meeting: Sheriff Eddie Cathey will attend the January 8th meeting to address Council's questions on Lake Park and in Union County law enforcement.

Stormwater Meeting: Council will host a special meeting January 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Community Center. Amy Helms, county planner for storm water management, will present information and logistics of the county storm water ordinance. The public is invited to attend.

Open Council Position

Council To Fill Position in January Meeting

During the December 2007 Council Meeting, outgoing Mayor John Ross swore in the newly elected mayor, Kendall Spence. Because Mr Spence's now vacant council seat will not come up for re-election until 2009, this left the council with only four members: Virginia Currence, Jo Waybright, Sandy Coughlin, and Greg Crosby. During the meeting, the council decided to fill the empty seat during the January meeting to return to a full contingent of five members.

In order to make a more informed decision to appoint a new member, the council is requesting that any resident interested in serving should write a letter stating their intent to serve. This letter should be dropped off at the community center prior to **noon on Friday, January 4, 2008**. Then during the January 8 Council meeting, all interested persons will be allowed to address the Council following by a question and answer session. The Council will then decide on appointing a new member.

December Meeting Highlights

After three members and the mayor voiced their oaths of office, the Lake Park Village Council started their December meeting with public comments. One resident voiced concern over the speed of traffic entering Lake Park on Courtland. The council directed the deputies to monitor the speeds to quantify exactly how serious the issue might be. In other matters concerning traffic safety, Mayor Spence received a report detailing issues with the intersection of Unionville Indian Trail Rd. and Faith Church Rd. The report notes that close to \$1,000,000 damage has occurred in recent accidents there. The DOT acknowledges that this is abnormally large and will be

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actively looking at possibilities for improvements for that intersection.

The Parks and Recreation Commission presented three names to fill three empty seats on that commission: Ben Richardson, Johanna Miller, and John Barnes. The council unanimously voted to appoint these individuals to the commission. Parks and Rec also reported that the tennis court resurfacing has been completed. However, they are now being used by individuals on roller blades and skateboards – an activity that will damage the new surface. To stem this abuse, new signs will be posted at the courts explicitly stating prohibited activities.

Parks and Rec also delivered a report on waterfowl management within the village. Activities to encourage the geese to leave Lake Park have been sporadically successful. However, the village is a great habitat for the waterfowl. Therefore, this will be a continuing effort. The group has also started drafting a plan for improving community appearance and landscape maintenance. The emphasis will be on enhanced storm water management, more effective goose deterrence, and enhanced community recreation and appearance. The goal is to provide these and other benefits while reducing long-term landscaping maintenance costs.

In street business, the council discussed a letter from the village government to the turnpike authority concerning the Monroe Connector/Bypass. The letter will state the council's support of corridors 18A and 22A for the bypass. These routes will put the road further away from Lake Park than any other alternatives. In addition, the council will add a paragraph stating their opposition to corridor 2 which appears to pass closer to the village than other options. In addition, the council has contracted the work to repair sidewalks in six different areas throughout the village.

For Your Information

Water Conservation Tips

A list of tips on conserving water around the house can be found at the following URL:

http://www.conservewatergeorgia.net/pdf/tips_homeowners_indoors2.pdf

Living In Lake Park

Keycard News

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and two more in-home businesses have joined the Economic Development outreach to residents and Lake Park employees with new keycard gift offers. Both introduced their businesses at the 2007 Lake Park Fall Festival and are now added to our growing list on the EDC page at www.lakeparknc.gov.

Katie's Accessories, designer of hand-crafted jewelry, offers free \$5 earrings to keycard holders with each \$30 purchase of hand crafted jewelry by Katherine Stoops, 6005 Amber Court. Information: (704) 882-6905.

Houndstooth & Catnip, provider of pet supplies and accessories, offers a 10% discount to keycard holders who show their card at owner Angie Deckard's address, 6118 Trevor Simpson Drive. Angie also offers different discounts for pet owners at home parties. Information: (704) 942-6614

October Security Report

From Lake Park Deputies Hannon and Tomberlin

Total Calls for November 2007: 37

Calls in October 2007: 43

Calls in November 2006: 56

Most Calls: Traffic Enforcement – 10

General Calls – 9

General Disturbances – 5

The deputies would like to encourage you to contact them at officer@lakeparknc.gov with any questions or concerns you have concerning law enforcement and the community.

Any suspicious activity: Call 911